

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

**METHOD OF TREATING METALLIC CORD**

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A method of treating a metallic cord to improve its ability to adhere to rubber is disclosed. The method involves contacting the metallic cord with a naphthenic oil containing from 1 to 53 percent by weight of a soluble cobalt salt and thereby deposit from 0.002 to 0.7 grams of cobalt per kilogram of steel to the metallic cord.

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